

CSE 312

Foundations of Computing II

Lecture 4: Counting pigeons, counting practice

Last Class: Counting

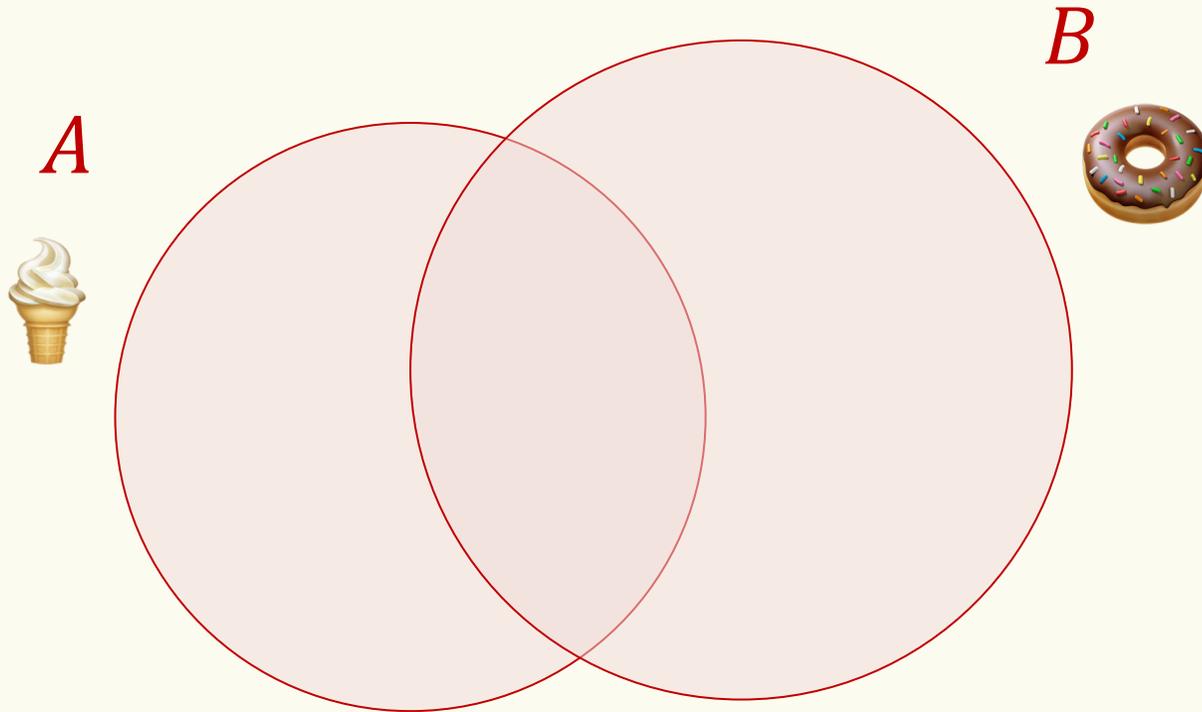
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Inclusion-Exclusion

But what if the sets are not disjoint?



$$|A| = 43$$

$$|B| = 20$$

$$|A \cap B| = 7$$

$$|A \cup B| = ???$$

Fact. $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$

Inclusion-Exclusion Example: RSA

Last time: For (distinct) primes p, q , and $N = p \cdot q$, how many integers in $\{0, \dots, N - 1\}$ have no common factor with N ?

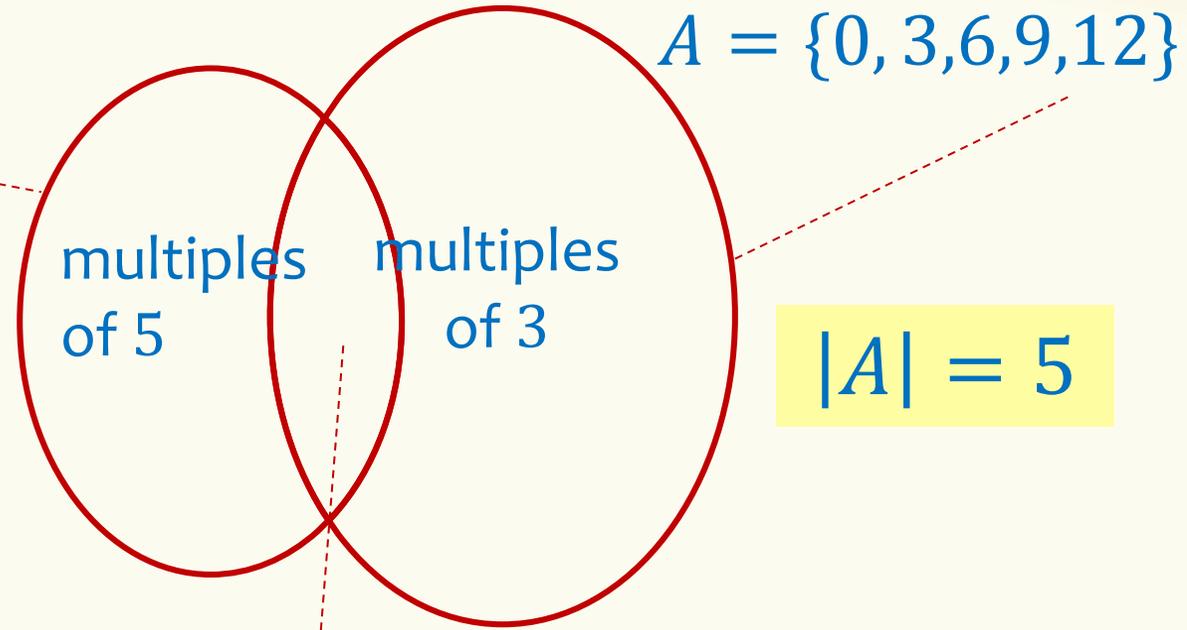
Idea:

- A = integers $\{0, \dots, N - 1\}$ divisible by p = multiples of p mod N
- B = integers $\{0, \dots, N - 1\}$ divisible by q = multiples of q mod N
- Wanted: $N - |A \cup B|$

Example: $p = 3, q = 5 \quad N = 3 \times 5$

$$B = \{0, 5, 10\}$$

$$|B| = 3$$



$$|A| = 5$$

$A \cap B$ contains multiples of 3 & 5 (mod 15) $A \cap B = \{0\}$

Integers between 0 and 14 that share a non-trivial divisor with 15
 $= |A| + |B| - |A \cap B| = 3 + 5 - 1 = 7$

Integers between 0 and 14 that share no non-trivial divisor with 15
 $= 15 - 7 = 8$

More general: Integers mod N co-prime with $N = pq$ for p, q prime

$$B = \{0, q, 2q, \dots, (p-1)q\}$$

$$A = \{0, p, 2p, \dots, (q-1)p\}$$

$$|B| = p$$

multiples
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Integers between 0 and $N - 1$ that share a non-trivial divisor with N
 $= |A| + |B| - |A \cap B| = p + q - 1$

Integers between 0 and $N - 1$ that are co-prime with N
 $= N - (p + q - 1) = pq - p - q + 1 = (p - 1)(q - 1)$

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Pigeonhole Principle (PHP): Idea

10 pigeons, 9 pigeonholes



Pigeonhole Principle: Idea



If 11 children have to share 3 cakes, at least one cake must be shared by how many children?

Pigeonhole Principle – More generally

If there are n pigeons in $k < n$ holes, then one hole must contain at least $\frac{n}{k}$ pigeons!

Proof. Assume there are $< \frac{n}{k}$ pigeons per hole.

Then, there are $< k \cdot \frac{n}{k} = n$ pigeons overall.

Contradiction!

Pigeonhole Principle – Better version

If there are n pigeons in $k < n$ holes, then one hole must contain at least $\left\lceil \frac{n}{k} \right\rceil$ pigeons!

Reason. Can't have fractional number of pigeons

Syntax reminder:

- Ceiling: $\lceil x \rceil$ is x rounded up to the nearest integer (e.g., $\lceil 2.731 \rceil = 3$)
- Floor: $\lfloor x \rfloor$ is x rounded down to the nearest integer (e.g., $\lfloor 2.731 \rfloor = 2$)

Pigeonhole Principle: Strategy

To use the PHP to solve a problem, there are generally 4 steps

1. Identify pigeons
2. Identify pigeonholes
3. Specify how pigeons are assigned to pigeonholes
4. Apply PHP

Pigeonhole Principle – Example

In a room with 367 people, there are at least two with the same birthday.

Solution:

1. **367** pigeons = people
2. **366** holes (365 for a normal year + Feb 29) = possible birthdays
3. Person goes into hole corresponding to own birthday
4. By PHP, there must be two people with the same birthday

Pigeonhole Principle – Example (Surprising?)

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Pigeons: integers x in S

Pigeonholes: $\{0, 1, \dots, 36\}$

Assignment: x goes to $x \bmod 37$

Since $100 > 37$, by PHP, there are $x \neq y \in S$ s.t.
 $x \bmod 37 = y \bmod 37$ which implies
 $x - y = 37k$ for some integer k

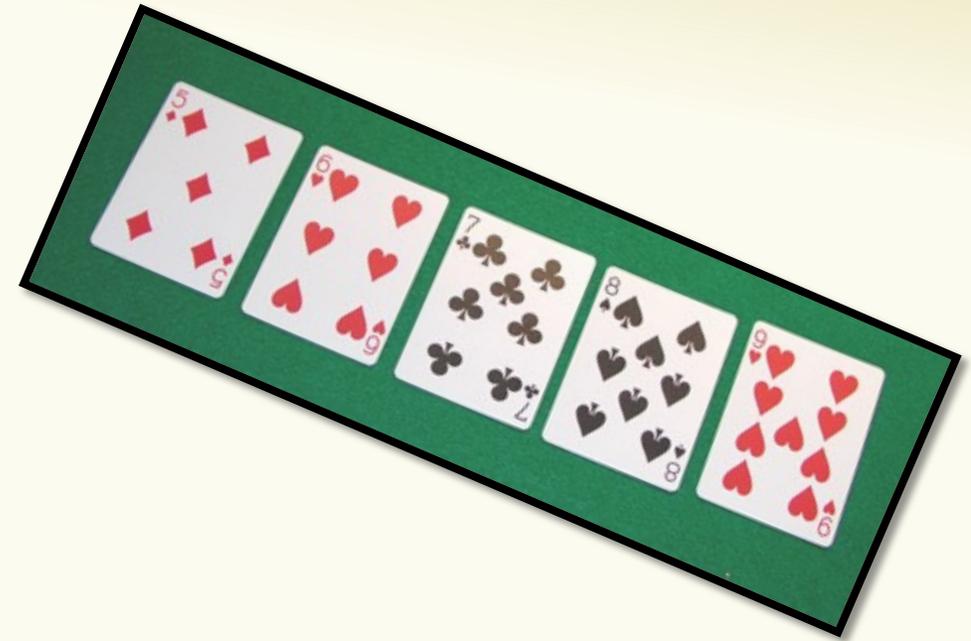
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Quick Review of Cards



How many possible 5 card hands?

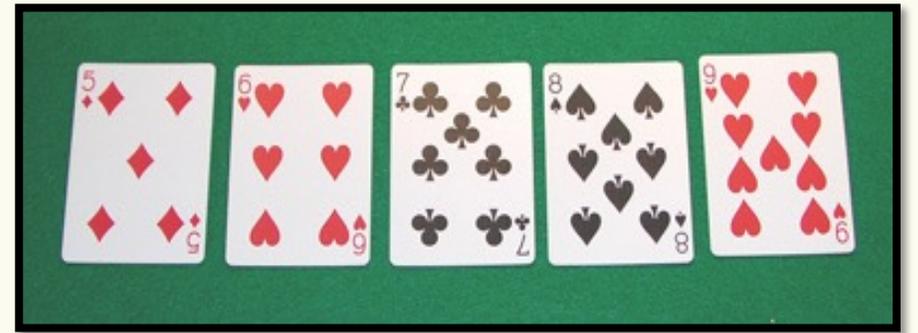
$$\binom{52}{5}$$

- 52 total cards
- 13 different ranks: 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,J,Q,K,A
- 4 different suits: Hearts, Diamonds, Clubs, Spades

Counting Cards I

- 52 total cards
- 13 different ranks: 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,J,Q,K,A
- 4 different suits: Hearts, Diamonds, Clubs, Spades

- A "straight" is five consecutive rank cards of any suit (where A,2,3,4,5 also counts as consecutive).
How many possible straights?



$$10 \cdot 4^5 = 10,240$$

Counting Cards II

- 52 total cards
- 13 different ranks: 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,J,Q,K,A
- 4 different suits: Hearts, Diamonds, Clubs, Spades

- A flush is five card hand all of the same suit.
How many possible flushes?



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Counting Cards III

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- 13 different ranks: 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,J,Q,K,A
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- A flush is five card hand all of the same suit.
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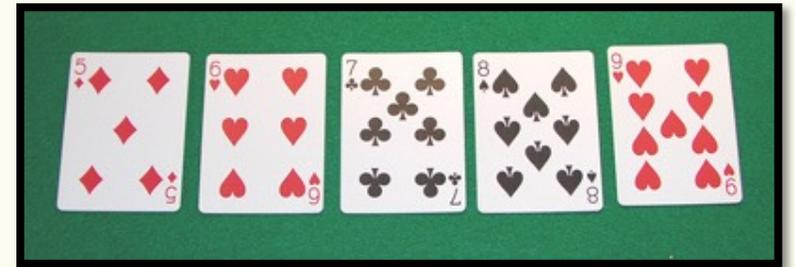
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- How many flushes are **NOT** straights?

= #flush - #flush and straight

$$\left(4 \cdot \binom{13}{5} = 5148 \right) - 10 \cdot 4$$



Sleuth's Criterion (Rudich)

For each object constructed, it should be possible to reconstruct the **unique** sequence of choices that led to it.

No sequence → under counting Many sequences → over counting

EXAMPLE: How many ways are there to choose a 5 card hand that contains at least 3 Aces?

First choose 3 Aces. Then choose remaining two cards.

$$\binom{4}{3} \cdot \binom{49}{2}$$

Poll:

- A. Correct
- B. Overcount 
- C. Undercount

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Problem: This counts a hand with all 4 Aces in 4 different ways!

e.g. it counts $A\clubsuit, A\diamondsuit, A\heartsuit, A\spadesuit, 2\heartsuit$

four times:

$\{A\clubsuit, A\diamondsuit, A\heartsuit\} \{A\spadesuit, 2\heartsuit\}$

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Use the sum rule

= # 5 card hand containing exactly 3 Aces

+ # 5 card hand containing exactly 4 Aces

$$\binom{4}{3} \cdot \binom{48}{2}$$

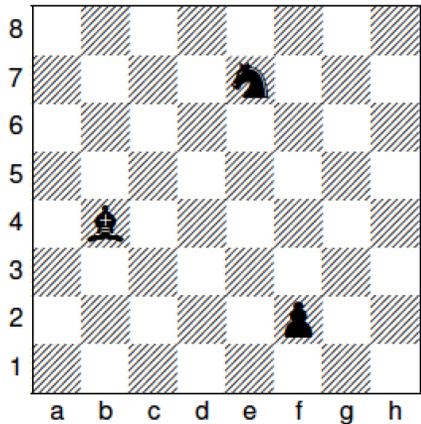
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Random Picture

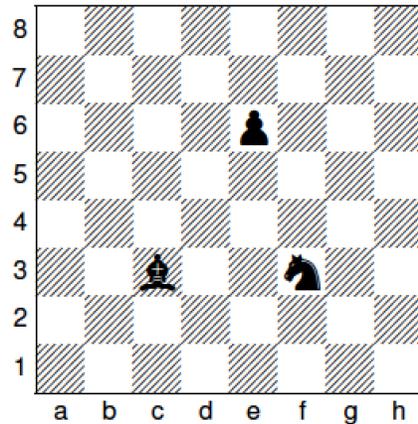


8 by 8 chessboard

How many ways to place a pawn, a bishop, and a knight so that none are in the same row or column?



(a) valid



(b) invalid

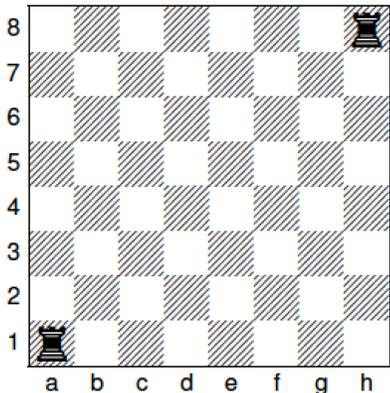
Sequential process:

1. Column for pawn
2. Row for pawn
3. Column for bishop
4. Row for bishop
5. Column for knight
6. Row for knight

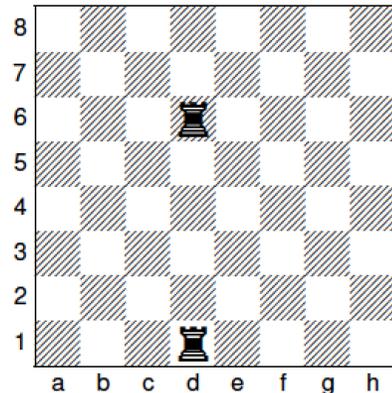
$$(8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6)^2$$

Rooks on chessboard

How many ways to place two identical rooks on a chessboard so that they don't share a row or a column



(a) valid



(b) invalid

Fully ordered: Pretend Rooks are different

1. Column for rook1
2. Row for rook1
3. Column for rook2
4. Row for rook2

$$(8 \cdot 7)^2$$

“Remove” the order of the two rooks:

$$(8 \cdot 7)^2 / 2$$

Counting when order only *partly* matters

We often want to count # of partly ordered lists:

Let M = # of ways to produce fully ordered lists

P = # of partly ordered lists

N = # of ways to produce corresponding fully ordered list given a partly ordered list

Then $M = P \cdot N$ by the product rule. Often M and N are easy to compute:

$$P = M/N$$

Dividing by N “removes” part of the order.

Anagrams (another look at rearranging SEATTLE)

How many ways can you arrange the letters in “Godoggy”?

$n = 7$ Letters, $k = 4$ Types {G, O, D, Y}

$n_1 = 3, n_2 = 2, n_3 = 1, n_4 = 1$

$$\frac{7!}{3!2!1!1!} = \binom{7}{3,2,1,1}$$

Multinomial coefficients



Multinomial Coefficients

If we have k types of objects (n total), with n_1 of the first type, n_2 of the second, ..., and n_k of the k^{th} , then the number of orderings possible is

$$\binom{n}{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k} = \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \cdots n_k!}$$

Counting using binary encoding*

The number of ways to distribute n indistinguishable balls into k distinguishable bins is

$$\binom{n + k - 1}{k - 1} = \binom{n + k - 1}{n}$$

E.g., = # of ways to add k non-negative integers up to n

Coins

How many ways can you distribute 32 identical coins among Alex, Barbara, Charlie, Dana, and Eve?

1. Identify balls
2. Identify bins

$$\binom{32 + 5 - 1}{5 - 1}$$



Binomial Theorem

Theorem. Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ a positive integer. Then,

$$(x + y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k}$$

Corollary.

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = 2^n$$

Binomial Theorem: A less obvious consequence

Theorem. Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ a positive integer. Then,

$$(x + y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k}$$

$= -1$ if k is odd
 $= +1$ if k is even

Corollary. For every n , if O and E are the sets of odd and even integers between 0 and n

$$\sum_{k \in O} \binom{n}{k} = \sum_{k \in E} \binom{n}{k}$$

e.g., $n=4$: 1 4 6 4 1

Proof: Set $x = -1, y = 1$ in the binomial theorem

Tools and concepts

- Sum rule, Product rule
- Permutations, combinations
- Inclusion-exclusion
- Binomial Theorem
- Combinatorial proofs
- Pigeonhole principle
- Binary encoding/stars and bars